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SUBJECT: GDR COMPLAINTS ABOUT ALLEGED TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS
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REF: USBERLIN 435; BERLIN 1275; USBERLIN 382; USBERLIN
367; BERLIN 870; STATE 23408.

1. DEPT SHARES CONCERNS OF ALLIED EMBASSIES (BERLIN 1275)
ABOUT GDR EFFORTS TO DISCUSS BERLIN MATTERS WHICH ARE THE
PRESERVE OF THE FOUR POWERS, EFFORTS WHICH EAST GERMANS
EVIDENTLY INTEND TO CONTINUE (PARA 3, BERLIN 870). WE

CONCUR THAT ALLIED GOVERNMENTS SHOULD CONSULT ON COMMON LINE TO FOLLOW IN EAST BERLIN AND IN CAPITALS WITH REGARD TO FUTURE GDR APPROACHES.

2. DEPT NOTES THAT RECENT ALLIED EFFORTS TO DISSUADE GDR REPS FROM RAISING BERLIN MATTERS IN THE FUTURE AFTER FIRST HEARING THEM OUT ON THE SUBSTANCE HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL (STATE 23408, BERLIN 870). THEREFORE, WE WOULD FAVOR COURSE OF ACTION SUGGESTED BY ALLIED EMBASSIES IN BERLIN THAT FUTURE MFA ATTEMPTS TO RAISE BERLIN ISSUES SHOULD BE INTERRUPTED AND MFA REP SHOULD BE POLITELY BUT FIRMLY TOLD THAT EMBASSY REPS ARE NOT PREPARED TO LISTEN TO PRESENTATIONS ON THE SUBJECT. WE BELIEVE ALLIED

REACTIONS IN CAPITALS SHOULD BE THE SAME IF GDR EMBASSIES SEEK TO RAISE BERLIN ISSUES.

3. DEPT ALSO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MISSIONS TO RAISE MATTER OF GDR APPROACHES ON BERLIN SUBJECTS WITH THE SOVIETS IN BERLIN (USBERLIN 435). DURING LUNCH WITH SOVIET EMBOFF HERE MAR 3, DEPTOFF MENTIONED THAT GDR HAD SOUGHT TO RAISE ALLEGED US TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN EAST BERLIN AND BERLIN AIR TAXI ISSUES WITH US EMBASSY AND HAD BEEN TOLD THESE WERE MATTERS WHICH WE DO NOT DISCUSS WITH THE GDR AND, IF RAISED, SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH CORRECT CHANNELS. SOVIET EMBOFF DID NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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